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FAS FOR GRAIN & FEED/DAIRY, LIVESTOCK & POULTRY FROM
- AGATTACHE

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SUBJ: CZECHOSLOVAKIA: AGRICULTURAL SITUATION AT
- MID-YEAR 1978

1. BASED ON ECONOMIC DATA RELEASED BY THE CENTRAL
STATISTICAL OFFICE FOLLOWING IS STATUS OF CZECHOSLOVAK
AGRICULTURE AT MID-YEAR 1978.

2. CROP PRODUCTION: A TOTAL OF 2,734,000 HECTARES OF GRAIN
PLANTED TO 1978 CROP, ABOUT 60,000 HECTARES MORE THAN IN
1977. THIS INCLUDES 202,000 HECTARES PLANTED TO CORN,
ABOUT SAME AS IN 1977. LEGUMES (ALFALFA, ETC.) WERE SOWN
ON 107,000 HECTARES, ABOUT 10,000 HECTARES MORE THAN A
YEAR BEFORE. SUGARBEETS WERE SOWN ON 219,000 HECTARES,
UP 3,000 HECTARES FROM 1977. POTATOES WERE SOWN ON
221,000 HECTARES, DOWN 16,000 HECTARES FROM YEAR BEFORE.
RAPESEED WAS SOWN ON 71,000 HECTARES, UP 6,000 HECTARES
FROM YEAR BEFORE. ABOUT 2.3 PERCENT OF FALL GRAIN PLANT-
INGS, 2.6 PERCENT OF RAPESEED ACREAGE AND 10.5 PERCENT OF
LEGUME ACREAGE HAD TO BE RESOWN. IN A FEW DISTRICTS,
EARLY POTATO CROP WAS DAMAGED BECAUSE OF UNUSUALLY COOL
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WEATHER IN MAY AND JUNE.

3. LIVESTOCK: FOLLOWING ARE LIVESTOCK NUMBERS AS OF
- JULY 1 (IN 1,000 UNITS)

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1978 1977

TOTAL CATTLE	4,923	4,810
OF WHICH COWS	1,885	1,873
TOTAL PIGS	7,674	7,355

OF WHICH SOWS	538	532
POULTRY, ALL TYPES	60,295	58,216

4. TOTAL MILK PRODUCTION DURING FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1978
CAME TO 2,722 MILLION LITERS, 2.2 PERCENT HIGHER THAN
DURING FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1977. TOTAL EGG PRODUCTION
INCREASED 0.3 PERCENT DURING SAME PERIOD.

5. STATE PROCUREMENT OF LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS
DURING FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1978 AND 1977 AS FOLLOWS:

1978 1977

ALL SLAUGHTER ANIMALS	1,000 TONS		
EXCEPT POULTRY	L.V.	772	698

OF WHICH CATTLE	"	326	305
" PIGS	"	436	382

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POULTRY	"	96	96
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MILK	MILLION LITERS	2,417	2,355
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EGGS	MILLION PIECES	1,251	1,221 WOLF
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